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An Amendment Offered to the District Appropriation Bill.

What Mr. McMillin Said on the Subject.

An unusual proceeding occurred in the House late yesterday afternoon, when a resolution from the committee on rules was adopted, making it in order to offer an amendment to the District appropriation bill repealing the act of February 13, 1895, providing for the settlement of outstanding claims against the District. Mr. Dockery of Missouri had tried to offer this amendment on the previous day, but the point of order was raised against it, and Mr. Dockery thereupon appealed to the committee on rules to give him a resolution which

would make his motion in order. In explaining his action to a Star reporter, Mr. Dockery said that he was convinced that the outcome of his action would prove of great benefit to the citizens of this District. Under the law which it was desired to repeal unjust claims had been piled up against the District amounting to over a million dollars, and he thought the only way to cut them off would be to re-peal the law.

A singular coincidence in connection with

this matter is the fact that the House District committee was to have taken up and considered this bill at a special meeting considered this bill at a special meeting called for today. Notices were sent out yesterday for a hearing on the bill providing for the repeal of the law in question.

The facts in connection with the operation of the law, which it is desired to repeal, were stated in the House yesterday by Mr. McMillin of Tennessee. He said:

"Now, it turns out that two years ago there was passed, upon the statement that the probable obligations to be incurred by the government thereunder would be about \$75,000, a bill under which there have been banked up before the Court of Claims claims to the amount of \$1,400,000. Those claims arose in this way: Under the regime existing here from 1870 to 1874, known as the Shepherd regime, the old board of public works undertook to go beyond the contracts of the parties and to give larger amounts for excavating and improving the streets of this city than the written conamounts for excavating and improving the streets of this city than the written contracts called for. The bill I have just mentioned provided that parties who had been contracted with at rates beyond the contracts which they had originally entered into might go before the Court of Claims and establish their claims. As I have stated, the grount which those claims would probthe amount which those claims would probably reach was placed at \$75,000. It turns out that the claims amount to over \$1,000,000. How much of this would be allowed

by the court we cannot know now." BIG DEAL UNDER WAY.

Endeavoring to Consolidate Chicago Street Railways. It is stated at Chicago, according to special to the New York Herald, that Charles T. Yerkes and J. Pierpont Morgan have a big deal on to consolidate and control the traction interests of Chicago. Dispatches from New York announced that Mr. Yerkes had succeeded in placing a \$10,000,000 consolidated bond issue on the property of the West Chicago Street Railway Company through the assistance of

Mr. Morgan.

According to reports from inside financial circles in Chicago a well-defined project is now on foot to gain a controlling interest in the Chicago City Rallway Company for the purpose of bringing that valuable property into a gigantic consolidated traction company, covering all three divisions of the city. The scheme, as outlined by these financiers, covers no less ground than the absorption of the City Rallway Company and its consolidation with the General Electric Company, which has just obtained a valuable franchise from the city of Chicago. Mr. Morgan.

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Charles T. Yerkes is at the head of the deal, but it is admitted that he cannot carry it through without the financial assistance which J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. and the General Electric enterprise are in a position to give him.

Legal Question.

An interesting question as to the power of an administrator to subrogate his duties to the joint control of a surety company which has become his surety has been raised in the Probate Court by Attorney Andrew Y. Bradley. Mr. Bradley states that some time ago he was appointed administrator of the estate of the late Jeremiah Sullivan, and furnished a bond with the Lawyers' Surety Company of New York as surety. He says that the company is represented by a local surety company, and says he was told by a representative of the local company that he would have to sign an agreement which would give the New York company a sort of joint control with him over the assets of the estate, and that the money would have to be deposited subject to countersigned checks. Mr. Bradley claims that for him to sign such an agreement would be to violate his duty and render him liable to removal. He, therefore, asks the court to cancel the bond and permit him to furnish another. ministrator of the estate of the late Jere-

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ONLY MR. PALMER

He Conducted the Interview for Mrs. Dominis.

REPORTER GOES TO The Ex-Lord Chamberlain, Now

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Private Secretary, Talks.

"M-3." said the clerk at the Shoreham this morning, placing a Star reporter's card on the silver tray extended by a bell boy. The reporter awaited the boy's return with strange thrill of expectation, for the reply to the card would mean either his entree to the presence of the vicar of what was once royalty, or the other thing. The moments, which were few, dragged like hours, until the answer came. "Please come up," said the boy when he did return. The reporter entered the elevator, reached an upper floor and proceeded to the southwest corner of the Shoreham, guided by the arithmetical and numerical designations of the apartments, G-3, H-3, I-3. His heart beat faster.

It almost stood still. L-3. A trance-like feeling, as if mesmerism was at work, palsied the reporter, but with a struggle, he overcame it, and then "M-3" shone out from the transom. "Aw, come in, come in," said an unmistakable Boston voice, as a little man clad in a velvet coat, cut on the Tuxedo plan, and a pair of bine trousers that showed unmistakable signs of hard usage and a limited acquaintance with a whisk broom, arose from a typewriter which had been arose from a typewriter which had been rattling away as the visitor approached. "I'm aw, giad to see a Stah reporter, ye knoo, foh The Stah has blundered so frightfully, ye knoo, on matters connected with ow visit heah."

A Plurality of Royalty. "Our!!" It was delicious to hear a common, every-day American citizen thus associate himself with royalty, even if it was coffee colored and remote as to thrones and such things, for the speaker was none other than Mr. Palmer, the lord high champerlain, major domo, amanuensis, private sceretary and guide, philosopher and friend to Mrs. Dominis, Litiuokalani, and ex-queen of Hawaii. And "our" included them

"Oo yes," continued Mr. Palmer, with "Oo yes," continued Mr. Palmer, with extreme pathos; "The Stah has bundered frightfully It said I had written to the White House, ye knoo, awsking for an interview with Mrs. Cleveland for Lilluokalani—he called her just simple Lilluakalani, too—but nothing of the kyind occurred. The fact is, Mr. Thurber wrote me a lettah by direction, ye knoo, of the President, who, at the request of Mrs. Cleveland, said she would be delighted to have Lilluokalani call on her Irom a quartan to 5 to 5 ocioek. cail on her from a quartan to 5 to 5 o'clock, ye knoo. Nothing from us led to that sweet and courteous suggestion from Mrs. Cleveiand. It was merely, ye knoo, a Cleveiand. It was merely, ye knoo, a chawming tribute to her noble character,

ye knoo."
The reporter, with difficulty caught his breath at this new and remarkable insight into Mrs. Cleveland's customs of treating

mistress. "Liliuokalani has a severe cold, ye knoo and remained sequestered yesterday. Treasurer Morgan and Senatah Pairkins called, but were not received. She spent her day in music and trawnslations. You see, a young lady who has spent some time in Honolulu called on her Monday and brought with her the okaly dokaly, the Hawaiian stringed instrument, something like the guitar, ye knoo, but smaller, and sang to the queen"—he had given her the title at last—"some Hawalian songs, some of which the queen, who is a remarkably cultivated person, ye knoo, had composed

cultivated person, ye knoo, had composed herself.

"The young lady knew the Hawaiian words, and could pronounce them, but she did not know their meaning, ye knoo. So the queen, who is of sweet and lovely disposition, offered to trawnslate them for her, ye knoo, and she did so yesterday. I am inclined to think she will not go out today, eyether, for since she caught her cold she has annulled her appointments."

This concluded the interview, and with a full consciousness of the immense international importance of the result of the conference, the reporter returned to the conference, the reporter returned to the office and weakly dictated it.

A Hint for the Zoo.

To the Editor of The Evening Star: Twenty-three years ago the writer, as one of the founders of the Cincinnati Zoological Garden, became impressed with the fact that such exhibitions could attain their greatest possible utility and attractiveress only by the adoption of ample exercising grounds that should, as nearly as practicable, simulate the creatures' native haunts. Even if we concede the insuperable expense of both safeguarding and providing scope for the immense activities of the carnivora, no such difficulty appears with the vegetarian majority in appears with the vegetarian majority in such collections. Yet it is the custom to restrict to small separate ill-smelling pens creatures that might safely have the liberty of a great park or wilderness diversified with hill and dale, and with rocks, thickets and grassy slopes, lakes and waterfalls. In such an inclosure, elevated footways for visitors would enable close inspection without in the least interfering with the movements of the graceful captives.

But if the quarters of the carnivora are needlessly restricted, what of the treatment meted out to the fiercer animals? The lordly eagle, the masterful lammergier, the condor, with wings spread as wide as the condor, with wings spread as wide as a dining room, each mayhap dreaming of surlit recuntain peaks, squats on his lonely perch from mern to eve, from eve to dewy morn, brooding moodily over the problem "is life worth living?" with an evident decision in the negative. The various reasts of prey, in malodorous dens, little exceeding their own length, beguile the tedious hours, in perpetual march and countermarch, marking with their footfalls, a figure 8 on the den floor. Of course, it would not do to allow these creatures, "red in tooth and claw," access to each other, but a possible compromise might be a general campus in which each family might be granted its turn to romp, leap and gambol, while an approach to pristine strength of flight might be preserved to the raptorial birds by larger cages.

GEO. HENRY KNIGHT.

Lynn, Mass., February 1, 1897.

Lynn, Mass., February 1, 1897. Temporary Horse Shoes.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

Why doesn't the Humane Society go about getting an ordinance compelling drivers of horses in Washington to provide their animals with shoes adapted to asphalt pavements, when slippery by reason of ice or wetness? It is not necessary that such shoes be permanent, but there should be temporary shoes of rubber and steel that could be put on with a set screw or clamp in a few minutes by any driver and at any in a few minutes by any driver and at any time. Such shoes may be obtained, but they are not in general use as permanent shoes for various good-reasons, none of which apply when in use temporarily, say, two or three hours on a slippery day. An outfit of such temporary shoes should be carried in every vehicle drawn by horses or mules, so that they may be put on at any time, seeing that the streets often become slippery in a very few minute, and

when least expected. It would hardly seem necessary to suggest that owners of horses be compelled to do this, when the safety of themselves and their property is at stake, but it is necessary, and an ordinance should be passed compelling owners of draft animals to see that they are shod properly, which is humanely.

W. J. L.

Signatures for Liquor Licenses. To the Editor of The Evening Star: While the Morse bill now pending in the

United States Senate is criticised by the public, I take the liberty to give my views, especially in regard to the requirement of

signatures necessary to obtain a license. There are perhaps a few cases where the restaurant keeper is fleeced and has to purchase some of the signatures, but I doubt very much whether such statements can be verified, and therefore, based upon "hearsay," ought not to have any weight in the matter, and is not a sufficient reason to deprive tenants and owners of property of their rights to choose to sign or refuse. of their rights to choose to sign or refuse.

A majority of tenants and owners of property may feel disposed to sign an application once, but during the year some of the tenants may have moved, and also property "real estate" may have changed hands; and I do not see why the new occupants and owners of real estate should not have the privilege of a voice in the matter, instead of being obliged, as now, to submit to the actions of their predecessors, whether for or against. The law should be explicit, plain and fair on all sors, whether for or against. The law should be explicit, plain and fair on all

England's Gain by the Arbitration Treaty.

should be explicit, plain and tall of a sides, especially as regards outside in-fluence, fictitious ownership and tenants. "FAIR PLAY."

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

It is strange that none of your correspondents have pointed out that the immediate effect of an Anglo-American treaty of arbitration will be to release a large land force now doing garrison duty in Canada and the West Indies, together with a portion of three fleets, and which England will be able to concentrate in the eastern hemisphere for the seizure of more territory, or for resistance to invasion when Europe's for resistance to invasion when Europe's patience is exhausted. Nor is this all. By the action of the Monroe doctrine, which will prevent occupation of soil on this side by any now foreign power, we guard her flank and insure her unlimited supplies through Canada. How she must chuckle at Yankee diplomacy for puiling chestnu's out of the fire for her by presenting her with fighting men—her pressing need.

The danger to ourselves in incalculable; we will return to our old laissez faire policy of neglecting the navy and permitting our fortifications to lapse once more into ruin. fortifications to lapse once more into ruin. May the Lord preserve us from senti-mental gush if it is to saddle us with one-sided "arbitration!" CASSANDROS.

Editor of The Evening Star:

The state of affairs existing among the poor of Washington, and the inadequate means of relief, as portrayed by The Star for the past week, is saddening in the extreme. That such conditions are possible in the capital city of the richest nation on the globe, under the very shadow of its lofty legislative halls, a city in whose magnificent homes moderate fortunes are spent nightly in lavish entertainments, the cost of the flowers alone being sufficient to keep several families for a whole year—that such sorrowfully unequal conditions are possible is, indeed, a reproach to our nine-

teenth century civilization.

Washington is apparently far behind other cities in relieving the necessities of its poor. From Chicago we read that on the approach of the present severe weather Mayor Swift ordered the police to promptly relieve all applicants, pledging himself to become personally resonable for the east. into Mrs. Cleveland's customs of treating visitors to Washington, and Mr. Palmer continued:

"And then, "e knoo, The Stah said I had, aw, endeavored to secure entrance to the diplomatic gallery at the Senate. That, too, aw, was a frightful blunder. Of course, ye knoo, I regard Lilliuokalani as queen of Hawaii, but I did not attempt to enter the diplomatic gallery as her representative. I sent me card to Senatah Lodge. I know Senatah Chandler better, but it is a mattah of etiquette with me to send me card to the senatah from my own state; so I sent me card to Senatah Lodge, and he placed me in the senatah's gallery."

A Severe Cold.

With this concluding correction of The "Stah's" frightful blunders, Mr. Palmer amiably turned his discourse to his august mistress. ns to me that every church in Washington should take a collection, every be-nevolent society and every humane person should give "in His name" to the immediate relief of this cry of suffering hu-manity. C. S. THORP.

AMBASSADOR BAYARD THE HOST.

Dinner to the Prince of Wales in London Last Evening. Mr. Bayard, the American ambassador to the court of St. James, gave a dinner in Lendon last evening to the Prince of Wales. Those present were the Prince of Wales, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Lord Chief Justice Russell, Cardinal Vaughan, Lieut. Commander

W. S. Cowles, the United States naval attache, and Secretary Carter. Ambassador Bayard, Mr. Thomas B. Fergusen, the United States minister to Sweden and Norway; Lieut. Commander Cowles and Secretary Carter, the four Americans present, were all attired in the ordinary evening dress. The other guests all wore the ribbon of the Order of the Garter or the insignia of orders of lower

rank.

The table was decorated with red, white and blue flowers. The menu was elaborate, including several American dishes. Among the eight kinds of wine furnished was some old Madeira, originally belonging to Ambassador Bayard's father.

The Prince of Wales was exceedingly affable threughout the dinner. He talked freely, psying especial attention to Cardinal Vaughan, who was seated near him. At the conclusion of the dinner the Prince of Wales arose and said:

of Wales arose and said: "I drink to the health of the President of the United States." Mr. Bayard, in return, immediately proposed a toast to the health of the queen. No other toasts were proposed. No speeches were made. The Prince of Wales left a few mit utes before midnight and the other guests soon followed.

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